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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : BTIO, BTRA, TC

SUBJECT : INTEREST OF LOCAL BUSINESSMAN IN FORD MOTOR AGENCY

USDOC FOR CAGNE-HALE

1. RASHID AWEIDAH, INFLUENTIAL ABU DHABI BUSINESSMAN, WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR MEETING OF ARAB-AMERICAN BANK AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 7 AND HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FORD AGENCY FOR ABU DHABI. AWEIDA WILLING TO THROW HIS WEIGHT BEHIND EFFORTS TO HAVE FORD REMOVED FROM BOYCOTT LIST.

2. BACKGROUND ON AWEIDA:

(A) CLOSE CONFIDANT OF PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYED-  
REPORTEDLY WITH FAMILY TIES.

(B) MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL BANK  
OF ABU DHABI AND AL-AIN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO.

(C) OWNER AND EDITOR OF ARABIC-LANGUAGE DAILY  
AL-WAHDA.

(D) OWNER OF ABU DHABI TRADING AND CONTRACTING  
CO., HOLDING AGENCY FOR WESTINGHOUSE  
APPLIANCES.

(E) OWNER OF ABU DHABI TRAVEL BUREAU, AGENT FOR  
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KLM AND THREE MIDDLE-EASTERN AIRLINES.

(F) TOTAL EMPLOYEES 1740.

(G) PARTNER IN BMW DEALERSHIP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR FORD TO MAKE CONTACT WITH AWEIDA AND LISTEN TO WHATEVER HE MAY PROPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT FORD OFFICIALS AND SEE IF THEY WILLING TO MEET WITH AWEIDAH. AWEIDAH WILL BE AT CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN COLOMBO UNTIL AUGUST 25, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANSWER FOR HIM ON HIS RETURN.  
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